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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen of the FCC I write to you today in favor of the, proposed merger between Sirius radio and XM radio. I do not see where their combination would be detrimental to consumers. The people who fear this are those that are in traditional media which would be in direct competition with satellite radio. I say overturn the limitations on the merger of these two licenses and give the people what they really want which is more content. When I look at some of the opposition for their union I do not see a legitimate cause. The lobbyist against the merger are mostly sponsored by competing organizations to satellite radio, the congress men who have sent the letter opposing the merger and I do not know this as fact but, if looked into may have contributions from the opposition during some point of their political careers. After all theirs is one of the largest lobby groups in Washington. Looking at the Satellite model you can approve the merger and the resulting company will have more to offer consumers coupled with the price restrictions set forth in the merger agreement I do not see consumers getting a bad deal here. Or you can forbid the merger in which case both companies will most likely continue loosing money until by default there is only one left. In which case more consumers will be hurt than if the merger went through. The first choice is the best choice for the consumer. In closing, to overturn the decision to block the merger of these two companies is the best decision,

Thank you,

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